

# FOUR DIE IN CITY HOLOCAUST

SHAKE-UP SATURDAY IN PROVINCIAL CABINET ANNOUNCED BY PREMIER

## Mount Ross Apartments Were Destroyed by Fire Resulting in Loss of Lives of Four Children

**Blaze Started Early Sunday Morning—Victims Were All Asleep at the Time—Co-operation of Neighbors Prevented Spreading of Fire throughout District—Cause of Fire Not Yet Ascertained**

A blazing inferno which lit the whole western portion of the city in the early hours of Sunday morning resulted in the burning to death of four children in the Mount Ross apartments on 122nd street. This building was burned to the ground, while neighboring homes were badly damaged by the flames.

### The Dead

The little victims of the tragedy are Edith Campbell, aged 15; Alice Campbell, aged 13; Arthur Ross, aged 12, and Neil Ross, aged 10, sons of D. A. Ross, the vice-president of the Pacific Canoe company.

The first two children were the daughters of Charles Campbell, janitor of the building, the other unfortunate kiddies being guests.

The blaze of light and the roar of the conflagration awakened some of the neighbors who promptly apprised those living near them, and had it not been for this co-operation possibly the tragedy would have been far worse, as a strong southwest wind carried blazing debris and set fire to neighboring houses in a number of instances.

### Discovered Fire

From the city police reports it would appear that Constable J. A. Blackwood was the first to discover the fire. When making his rounds he saw the reflection of the fire and making for this he discovered the building on fire with the flames pouring out of the roof. The building was burning furiously, and seeing that he could not get in to aid the inmates, he alarmed the other residents in the vicinity, during which time the fire department arrived on the scene.

### Property Lost

Under Inspector Blackwood and Sergeant Geo. Edwards a strong force of city police were dispatched to the scene, and they did much to assist the fleeing people as well as to control the situation.

The building was constructed of beaver board and stucco, was of three stories, and was about 150 feet long by 50 feet wide. It was owned by Mrs. Sandison of 12205 Jasper avenue, was valued at \$45,000, and was insured. It consisted of twelve houses in the block.

All inmates of the building escaped in their nightclothes, and as far as could be learned by the police all are safe with the exception of the four children mentioned.

Another nearby dwelling, also owned by Mrs. Sandison and constructed of the same materials, was badly burned, while the tenants lost most of their belongings. The house was occupied by Mrs. Judd and two sons and Mrs. Judd and two children. Mrs. Judd's husband was insured for \$1,000.

A third building owned by Mrs. Sandison, and also built of beaver board, caught fire but was saved, the furniture and other property being removed by the police and neighbors. Yet another house, owned by J. Henning, also caught fire and was badly damaged.

The people living in the Mount Ross apartments are as follows: G. A. Richards, wife and child; J. Hart, his wife and son; J. F. Thompson, wife and two small children; J. E. Buckley, wife and baby; C. L. Heisler, wife and child; Miss Tracy Gibbs and mother; H. A. Frazee, wife and child; F. Saunders, wife and son; C. Campbell, wife and six children.

### Sparks Blown About

Sparks carried by the high wind started a fire on the home of Mr. Shchentchitsky, which was observed and extinguished by John M. Anderson, who climbed up on to the roof with water while the fire was in progress. Mrs. Walter Darling did good service in alarming the other sleeping neighbors, and for three hours the young girl and Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams, on the roof of the building, stayed watch on the burning fragments which blew over and settled in the crevices of the shingles.

Sergeant George Raitt, of the city force, had only shortly before returned from night duty at the station and was sound asleep when suddenly roused out, and was kept busy saving his property from the flying embers.

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### INQUEST IS CALLED 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Mr. Brattwicks, the coroner, states that the inquest relating to the fire will be held at 8 o'clock tonight. The coroner's inquest will be presided over by Mr. McRae's undertaking parlors at 5 p.m. tonight.

For the time being, it is learned that little beyond the trunks of the vicinity houses, Dr. D. A. Williams, a medical man of the fire department, and the fire chief, are the only ones of the limb's are missing, and it is understood that the remaining limb's will be a difficult problem to find.

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### ACQUITTED OF MURDER

OTTAWA, Nov. 4.—Roy Tracy Negro, a condemned murderer of the negro, was acquitted yesterday of the charge of murder.

It is understood that the negro, who was condemned to death, and several other officers, terms of imprisonment ranging from six months to life.

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Sullivan's New Academy Opens  
Next Saturday, November 10th

## Theatres and Filmland

## Pantages

## Watson Sisters at Pantages

The last time the Watson Sisters visited the Pantages they were headlines on an Orpheum bill and it will be welcome news to vaudeville patrons that the same team is returning this week as featured performers in a special matinee on Wednesday afternoon. The Watson Sisters are known as the most popular and exceptionally high-priced attraction—in fact their fees are so high that they can't afford to let them go for less than an oil magnate's jalouse—and after seeing them on the stage, they are worthy every dollar of their bid. Aged 21, the Watsons are the latest decree of Dame Fashion, and the girls have given up the gaudy songs and more or less decadent stage for the more refined and dignified in the repeat engagement.

The great comedian for this week is Arturo Bernardi, celebrated the world over for his comic artistry. Bernardi is in a class by himself as a quick change artist, performing more than a dozen distinct characters in quick succession. He has a great following in Europe and has now come to the U.S. to command performances and has received handsome souvenirs from his royal

patrons. There is a snap and vim about the offerings of Pantages and Watson that will make an immense hit with the public. The girls will sing and sing their own songs and provide real entertainment.

The Pantages is a beauty—plumage birds, proving that all the human race has come on earth to sing, and the offering of Paul Sydell and his canine troupe.

The box office will be open today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those patrons who wish to secure seats for the matinee. The public is invited to witness the great preview of the outstanding attractions of the current season.

## New Empire

Opening with a grand street parade at noon on Thursday next, the New Empire will be the first to take possession of the city for the last three days of this week as far as entertainment is concerned.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the New Empire. The Turf is to put on at the Empire the November 8, 9, and 10. The children on Saturday next will have a wonderful choice of some seventy-five fine male voices thoroughly trained and well known. Mrs. Myles Hayden Morris, Ed McGarvey, and others will be heard and seen by the end of the month.

Another special feature that should meet with general approval is the singing of the "new" song sketch by members of the Rotary Club. The girls will be heard to sing by Frank Dalton, Bill Drake, and others.

This will be a prettily staged dance, with Lorena Morrison and Dorothy Kinney as the stars. There are other numbers that will surely meet with general approval.

The exchange sale opened on Nov. 1 and will continue throughout the month. The box office is open this Monday morning.

For the year's rotary minstrel revenue should be one of the best yet at the Empire. The show is entirely to charity, principally to the boys' work of the Red Cross, the relief of the aged splitting or the ladies of the rotary convention in Edmonton. The money always goes to the benefit of the boys' work of the public.

## Capitol

## MONARCH THEATRE

## "Home of Good Pictures"

## NOW SHOWING

## AGNES ARIES

## —IN—

## "A Daughter of Luxury"

## A SOCIETY DRAMA

## Capitol

A famous stage player, Walter Haskett's "Captain Marvel" film, "Strangers of the Night," is opening at the Capitol today. It has been produced by Fred Niblo and directed by Frank Capra. "Blood and Sand" and "The Fighting Fenians" are also presented by Louis B. Mayer through Metro.

The film was given free reign to build magnificent settings and the scenes are as good as any ever exhibited to be classed as art. Matt Moore, Edna Purviance, Robert La Morte, and Arthur Mizener are four principal roles while such famous stars as May McAvoy, Dorothy Gish, and others are in the secondary group of musical players.

The story concerns a timid British girl who falls in love with a romance on the crest of a storm. Fred Meredyth adapted the story to the screen and it was photographed by Alvin Wyckoff.

## Monarch

There's a chance for girls to sing in "A Daughter of Luxury," Agnes Aries, the girl who has been appearing at Monarch theatre. It is hard to believe you recognize a girl when she is dressed in the set or size or shape of her clothes. If you are like the rest of us, you will get fooled by May Aries, the role played by May Aries, old Mary

of the box office, who is the real Mary Aries, the girl who is the real Mary.

## ROMANCE FATAL TO ART

Says Maeterlinck's Former Wife



GEORGETTE LEELAND

BY NEA Service  
NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—"I shall never love again," declares Georgette Leeland, who is to stage a number of the famous acts of the world. She is the most popular singer with the young American upon the completion of her present tour of the United States.

I have had my romance. Now I shut my mind off."

That is all it may be, the sparkling Georgette is more appealing than ever. She is the most popular singer with the young American upon the completion of her present tour of the United States.

Paul Porst's creations. She is booked for recitals all over the United States. Many of them will be having her a thousand dollars an appearance.



## Harold Lloyd

## Why Worry?

Her Latest Success

Pathécomedy

AN EXPLOSION OF FAST FUN

A BARRAGE OF GIANT LAUGHTER

Attend the Matines  
Avoid the Evening Crowds  
Usual Admission Prices

IN

Theatre



# SPORT

## BIG RUGBY GAMES PROVIDE THRILLS FOR EASTERN FANS

Queen's Cinches Intercollegiate Title for Second Successive Year  
—Argos Lose in New York—Ottawa Beaten Again—Saskatchewan and Manitoba Tie

KINGSTON, Ont., Nov. 4.—Queen's University are again senior intercollegiate champions. Battling the Toronto University squad into submission, Queen's won on Saturday at the Richardson stadium 18 to 5.

At all stages of the game the winners had the edge. They outplayed Varsity at every stage of the game, and it was only the efforts of Snyder that prevented a more emphatic victory. The Argos had a chance to score a few times, but the Queen's baton, the Varsity line to pieces in the first quarter, and a continual march down the field gave Queen's a comparatively easy victory. But the Varsity fought hard and when the final whistle blew they were battling hard.

"Pop" Leadley again proved the stumbling-block against the Varsity. He had a chance when it seemed that Varsity had a chance, the trusty halfback commanded his kicking tactics and soon had victory assured. "Big Roy" Reynolds was the line-plumbering hero of the winners.

For Varsity, Snyder was the star, and many were of the opinion that he was the best man on the field.

## CAPT. WALTERS NOW REGRETS HIS ACTIONS

Says He Was Under a Great Strain and Acted Hurriedly

HALIFAX, Nov. 4.—"On reflection I regret the effects of my actions" commences a telegram received Saturday night from Captain Angus Bennett, of the scholastic Blue and Golds. Captain Bennett, a B.C. Silver, chairman of the board of trustees of the International Institute's trophy room.

Captain Walter, who had been chairman of the trophy room, telegraphed his resignation Friday, calling it a "strain" to his health. He had been unable to attend the opening of the 1923 series of games because of the strain, and he did not realize that other people were so largely interested.

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The evening Captain Walters was compelled to go with the press in reference to the decision of the International Institute.

"That decision is perfectly agreeable to me," said the blushing captain. "I am the year under any circumstances or inducements. I will do my best to strip the vessel and have her up with the new crew as quickly as possible."

That is in his words.

SASKATOON, Nov. 4.—Saskatchewan and Manitoba battled to a draw in the final game of the inter-collegiate rugby championship of the West. The game was a hard-fought one. Manitoba took the series by 16 to 14.

The Saskatchewan missed great opportunities to score several touch-downs.

They were unable to make use of their

advantage in the line, and the game was

decided by the skill of the two coaches.

Both coaches were excellent, but the

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THE CAUSE OF THE WRECK.

A board of inquiry has declared that "bad judgment and faulty navigation" on the part of three officers were responsible for wrecking that squadron of U.S. destroyers on the California coast last month. If the board has named the right men, there cannot be much doubt about the correctness of the finding. That there was bad judgment when the flotilla was sent full speed ahead in a dense fog was pretty clear, and that there was faulty navigation was hardly open to argument in view of where it landed the ships.

THE FORGOTTEN PARTY.

Governor Walton has won the first round in his legal battle against the Oklahoma state Legislature. The courts have declared invalid the plebiscite by which a fraction of the voters of the state gave the Legislature power to call itself together regardless of the wishes of the chief executive. The verdict is being appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States of course and a continuance of the political fireworks is in prospect. Meantime, if it is not irrelevant, it would be rather interesting to know what is being done to the Ku Klux Klan, if anything.

PROTESTS MAY PREVENT.

The British Government has served notice on France and Belgium that it cannot view with indifference the possible dismemberment of the German empire, and that it must refuse to recognize the independence of the Rhineland republic. From the British standpoint there are strong reasons for taking that position. The awkward point is that British approval or disapproval may not count for much. Germany appears to be undergoing a process of disintegration, due to the mutual antagonisms and dislikes of its component parts. When a mountain begins to crumble it does not much matter what the spectators think about it.

PROTECTION FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

Mackellar, former secretary of the United Mine Workers in Nova Scotia, has been sent to jail for two years for seditionist libel. The charge arose out of a letter in which he charged the provincial police with having used unduly harsh measures while trying to prevent breaches of the peace by striking miners. Similar accusations were made against the police forces of this city and province a year ago on account of the part they took in resisting the raiding of mines by strikers. It may do no harm to have the fact demonstrated in this way that a police officer is not a target at whom accusations may be thrown with impunity. The fact that he is an officer does not deprive him of the right enjoyed by a private individual to be protected against libelous statements. Rather it aggravates the offence.

OUR NEXT DOOR MARKET.

Hon. T. A. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is preaching the same kind of encouraging doctrine to his Western audiences that they heard recently from Hon. Chas. Stewart and Hon. Ernest Lapointe. He foresees rapid development in the west, particularly in British Columbia. As next door neighbor, Alberta will hope that the prediction may be verified in respect to the Pacific province. British Columbia cannot dig the minerals out of its mountains, harvest its timber crop and build up a great industrial activity without this province sharing in the benefits. There are all the natural conditions necessary to a tremendous inter-provincial trade, but this can only be realized as British Columbia increases its manufacturing and shipping interests, and therefore its consuming population and its demand for Alberta farm products. Next to the settlement of vacant Alberta land, the industrial development of British Columbia is a matter of prime concern to the people of this province.

THE WEED WAR.

Hon. George Hoadley told the delegates to the convention of the Association of Municipal Districts the other day that if the war against "noxious weeds" is to be continued it will have to be on motion of the convention, or of some other body representing a substantial portion of the farming community. The Government last spring took the weed inspectors off the job, and unless strong representations are made in the meantime no appropriation for resuming that service is likely to be included when the next budget is brought down. Which in plain language means that the Government has given up the fight, at least in that particular, and will not go into action again unless it is assured of a more general interest and backing on the part of municipalities and individuals than has been found in the past.

That is an announcement of very real and large importance to the farmers of Alberta, and therefore to the public. The noxious weed is an inveterate enemy of the Alberta crop. Because our land is fertile and our climatic conditions favorable, weeds flourish here with a luxuriance quite as remarkable as the growth of cultivated plants. They reduce the yield of grain in proportion to their numbers in the field. They suck the moisture from the soil on summer fallow and idle land. They thus rob the farmer directly in two ways. They cut down his immediate return, and they leave the land in poorer condition for future crops, and his loss does not end there. After the grain has been harvested and threshed a large proportion of the weed seeds are shipped with the grain to market. For this foreign content the farmer does not get paid, but he has to pay freight on it. This year the farmers of Alberta must be paying—or losing—freight on a good many thousands tons of seed weeds shipped to Ft. William—at 26 cents per hundred pounds. At that rate the farmer is out \$5.20 for every ton of these seeds that goes forward in his wheat. In reduced yield, impoverishment of the land, and freight charges, weeds may mean to the farmer the difference between making money and losing money.

It is not possible, of course, to exterminate weeds. If all the people in the province were employed all the year round in a destructive campaign they could not make this a weedless province. There is too much area to be covered by any system of eradication. But neither is such wholesale destruction necessary. To keep the cultivated land free of the invaders is all that is required. That is practically possible—witness the many farms in all parts of the province where scarcely a weed can be found on the land under cultivation. And from the same circumstances may be drawn the fact that killing weeds is first and foremost a matter for the attention of the individual farmer. If he will not keep his own land free of the nuisance the Government and the municipality cannot do much for him. At the utmost those authorities can only second the efforts of the individual, by seeing that his property is not needlessly being grown along roadways and on adjoining land. And there is little or no purpose in doing that if the farmer allows his own fields to seed them selves.

The gravity of the Minister's statement is not that the Government has withdrawn the weed inspection service; but the intimation that this has been done because the farmer was not playing up to the lead, and that because of this the money spent on inspection was wasted. If that is a correct representation of the facts the situation is not at all fortunate, and the outlook for good farming and profitable farming is seriously disconcerted. There is no money in growing weeds. There is little money in trying to grow grain among weeds. Sometimes there is an actual loss in the process. Farms have been abandoned before now for no other reason than that the farmer and weeds could not draw a living from the same soil. Now that we are back to peace time prices for farm products the farmer must get the best crop possible, as well as the best price obtainable, if he is to prosper. If, as is claimed, there is not much profit in raising even a bumper crop of wheat at present prices, the farmer who is cheated out of a portion of the yield by weeds cannot expect to find the going satisfactory. The Alberta farmer is making a bad mistake, if it is true that he is indifferent on the question of weed destruction, one for which he is paying dearly.

But it will be equally a mistake if the Government gives up the struggle because the farmer is not sufficiently aroused to second its efforts. It is the business of the Department of Agriculture to tell the farmers how they can improve their methods, and to keep on telling them, and there is no way in which improvement can be more important. It would be good business to spend the money which formerly went to pay the salaries of weed inspectors in a campaign to arouse interest and spread information as to the necessity of combatting the unwanted plants which grow so profusely. Just how money could be better spent by the Department is not apparent. What the sow thistle did to the farms in some sections of Manitoba and the Russian thistle in Saskatchewan is a story that ought to be told to the farmers of Alberta if it is felt that they are not properly alive to the fact that they must either fight weeds or cease to farm.

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